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SUBJECT: DOWNED KOREAN AIRLINES PLANE

REF: MOSCOW 8658

1. JAPANESE CONGEN OFFICER KUDIHARA HERE HAS MADE URGENT
REQUEST ON BEHALF JAPANESE EMBASSY BONN THAT JOURNALISTS FROM
CHODO NEWS AGENCY BE PERMITTED TO PROCEED TO MURMANSK WITH
PAN AM FLIGHT IN VIEW OF INTENSE INTEREST OF JAPANESE PUBLIC
IN FATE JAPANESE PASSENGERS. AFTER CONSULTING WITH OPS
CENTER MARTIN AND PAN AM, WE HAVE TOLD KUDIHARA THAT THERE
IS NO ROOM ON FLIGHT MURMANSK - HELSINKI, BUT THAT HELSINKI
STOP ON RETURN WOULD BE APPROPRIATE PLACE TO PICK UP NEWS.
WE SUGGEST EMBASSY HELSINKI ALSO INFORM JAPANESE EMBASSY ABOUT
CHODO REQUEST, AND OUR REPLY TO IT.

2. WE STRESS THAT ACCOMMODATIONS ON FLIGHT MURMANSK-
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HELSINKI WILL BE EXTREMELY CROWDED. WE UNDERSTAND TWO REPEAT
TWO INJURED PASSENGERS ARE STRETCHER CASES. GIVEN
PASSENGER AND CREW COUNT WHICH PAN AM HAS FROM KAL, AS WELL
AS REQUIREMENT FOR SEATS FOR RUECKERT AND JAPANESE CONGEN
OFFICERS, ADDITIONAL PAN AM FLIGHT CREW FOR LONG-
DISTANCE FLIGHT, AND MINIMUM NUMBER OF STEWARDESSES
REQUIRED BY ICAO REGS, WE FIND THERE WILL BE AT BEST ONE

EMPTY SEAT ON MURMANSK-HELSINKI FLIGHT, PROVIDED INFANTS
RIDE IN LAPS OF ADULTS.

3. AFTER THIS MESSAGE PREPARED, PANAM CALLED TO
SAY THAT MR. RYANG CHO, DIRECTOR KOREAN AIRLINES, GERMANY,
BEARER KOREAN PPT. NO. 304326, ISSUED SEOUL, HAS MADE
URGENT REQUEST TO BE ALLOWED TO ACCOMPANY FLIGHT TO
MURMANSK. GIVEN HIS LEGITIMATE NEED TO HANDLE KOREAN
CREW AND AIRCRAFT PROBLEMS, WE DID NOT TURN REQUEST OFF,
BUT HAVE ALREADY PASSED IT TO EMBASSY MOSCOW BY TELEPHONE,
WITH A REQUEST THAT THEY ASK SOVIETS FOR AUTHORIZATION.
RYANG CHO'S REQUEST THEREFORE AWAITS DECISION BY SOVIET
AUTHORITIES. GEORGE

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